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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 August 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-11 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 12-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1-11, drawn to a method of transferring composition, in particular, colorant into concrete, classified in class 366, subclass 006.
 - II. Claims 12-21, drawn to an apparatus for transporting compositions with a cover, classified in class 366, subclass 150.1.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

2. Inventions I and II are related as process and apparatus for its practice. The inventions are distinct if it can be shown that either: (1) the process as claimed can be practiced by another materially different apparatus or by hand, or (2) the apparatus as claimed can be used to practice another and materially different process. (MPEP § 806.05(e)). In this case the process may be used without a cover which is may be opened upon the tank.
3. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the search required for Group II is not required for Group I, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.
4. During a telephone conversation with Jerome Smith on 7-27-2005 a provisional election was made WITHOUT traverse to prosecute the invention of Group II, apparatus, claims 12-21. Affirmation of this election must be made by applicant in replying to this Office action. Claims 1-11 are withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner, 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Claim interpretation

5. Claim 21 recites a "configured for coupling" is read as directed to the intended environment and is deemed to only require the capability of coupling to a source of water.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

7. Claim 12-14, and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Gonsalves 4803955.

The claims are so broad that the Gonsalves reference anticipates a tank 14, a transferring apparatus 18, a removable cover 28, column 3, line 20, and a fluid dispensing nozzle 86 coupled to any source including water.

8. Claim 12-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Griffin III, et al 3325974.

The claims are so broad that the Griffin, III (Griffin) reference anticipates a frame 18 and 17 which supports a tank 111, figure 7 and having a cylindrical upper section and a conical lower portion whereby the outlet of a transferring apparatus 24 with a pump 112 is disposed and connected with discharge lines 127, 113, a removable cover 28 as clearly seen by the bolts in figure 2 and 7, a fluid dispensing open nozzle at the

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20 at the through the lid 11a whereby the pipeline maybe coupled to any source including pressured water with mud if provided with a proper fitting.

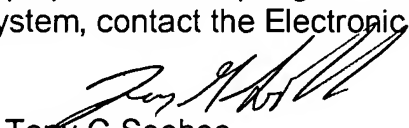
Conclusion

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Tigh 3243128, Winters 5263225, Ricciardi 4077612, Hood 2776284, Brown et al 2618576, Anderson 1933543, Combs 5666987, Stackpole 1531354, Moseley 2868516, Dunton et al 4830505, Sakuichi et al 4685810, Brown 3212759, Hyde et al 4390284.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tony G. Soohoo whose telephone number is (571) 272 1147. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Tues. - Fri..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wanda Walker can be reached on 571-272-1151. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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